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FOL REPEAT OF LISBON 1318 TO SECSTATE MAR 11

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 1318

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, PINT, PO POSSIBLE COUP ATTEMPT

SITREP NO. 5 AS OF 2:15 P.M. LOCAL

1. EMBOFF REPORTS FROM AIRPORT THAT TWO JET AIRCRAFT AND TWO LIGHT HELICOPTERS ARE FLYING AROUND RAL-1 GARRISON. EMBOFF HAS CONFIRMED THAT GARRISON WAS BOMBED AT 11:45 A.M. LOCAL. ASSISTANT AIR ATTACHE OBSERVED THAT COMMANDOS RPT COMMANDOS WERE COOPERATING WITH PARACHUTISTS IN ATTACK ON RAL-1.

2. SITUATION IN CITY:

DOWNTOWN LISBON IS CALM, WEATHER FAIR, TRAFFIC IS LIGHT

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AND SMALL GROUPS ARE GATHERING HERE AND THERE TO DISCUSS EVENTS.

TWO SMALL HELICOPTERS HAVE BEEN CIRCLING OVER AVENIDA LIBERDADE AND AT 2:15 TWO F-86S FIGHTERS MADE PASS OVER CITY AT 200 FOOT ALTITUDE. ARMED T-6 AIRCRAFT HAVE ALSO MADE SEVERAL SWEEPS OVER DOWNTOWN LISBON.

EMBASSY WIFE REPORTS THAT UNIVERSITY IS SURROUNDED BY TROOPS WHO ARE NOT PERMITTING STUDENTS TO LEAVE.

3. SITUATION IN OPORTO:

AS OF 2.00 P.M. LOCAL OPORTO IS QUIET. LOCAL ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS HAS PUT OUT RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS ASKING POPULACE TO REMAIN CALM AND VIGILANT. ANNOUNCEMENT STATING THAT REACTIONARY FORCES ARE ATTEMPTING ANOTHER SEPTEMBER 28.

4. LISBON AIRPORT IS UNDER CONTROL OF PARACHUTISTS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT FARO AND PORTO AIRPORTS ARE ALSO UNDER MILITARY CONTROL BUT THE UNITS HAVE NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED.

5. EMISORA NACIONAL (GOVERNMENT RADIO) IS ON AIR AND BROADCASTING NORMALLY, WITH OCCASIONAL INTERVALS OF MARTIAL MUSIC. TV ALSO ROUTINE. HOWEVER RADIO CARRIED BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT STATING (A) INDISCIPLINED TROOPS, INCLUDING PARATROOPS, WERE NOT OBEYING ORDERS AND (B) PEOPLE SHOULD REMAIN LOYAL TO ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT AND TO BRIGADIER OTELO RPT OTELO. CARLUCCI
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